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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 October 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11, 13-22, 24-35, 37-47 and 49-52 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11, 13-22, 24-35, 37-47, and 49-52 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-848)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment filed on April 14, 2008 has been entered. Claims 1, 13, 18, 27, 37, 46, and 47 have been amended. Claims 12, 23, 36, and 48 have been cancelled. Claims 51 and 52 have been added. Claims 1-11, 13-22, 24-35, 37-47, and 49-52 are now pending in this application, with claims 1, 18, 27, 46, and 47 being independent.
2. Applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office action is persuasive and, therefore, the finality of that action is withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1, 18, 46, and 47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ruth et al. (US Patent Application, Pub. No.: US 2003/0083040 A1), in view of Albal et al. (US 6,996,227).
4. In regards to claims 1 and 46, Ruth discloses a method and computer-readable medium for logging calls (See Abstract) comprising: receiving instructions that specify filter settings (e.g., hash value) for logging outgoing calls, wherein the instructions specify a phone number (e.g., particular call), wherein phone calls to the specified phone number are to be excluded from a call log (for example, when the hash value does not meet the predetermined logging criteria, that particular call is not logged); obtaining outgoing call information (e.g., call identifier/call ID/) associated with an outgoing call originating from a calling device and destined to a called device, the outgoing call information reflecting a dialed number; determining whether or not to log the outgoing call information based on the filter settings (e.g., hash value); and storing the outgoing call information in a call log in response to a determination to log the outgoing call information (See Fig. 5; pg. 1, paragraph [0007]; pg. 2, paragraph [0017]; pg. 3, paragraph [0022]; and pg. 4, paragraph [0028]). Ruth, however, does not disclose inserting the dialed number from the call log into a contact list. Albal, however,

does disclose inserting the dialed number (e.g., called telephone number) from the call log (e.g., call-detailed record (CDR) 330, See Fig. 3) into a contact list (See Fig. 1, Fig. 2, and address book 122) (See col. 5 lines 8-33). Therefore, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate this feature within the method, as a way of allowing a user or subscriber to be able to add a current or previously called telephone number to his or her address book, for storing, updating, and accessing information associated with a user or subscriber.

5. In regards to claims 18 and 47, Ruth discloses a method and computer-readable medium for logging calls (See Abstract) comprising: obtaining information (e.g., call identifier/call ID/) associated with outgoing calls originating from each of a plurality of source communication devices associated with a user and destined to at least one destination device; receiving instructions that specify filter settings (e.g., hash value) for logging information associated with the outgoing calls, wherein the instructions for excluding at least one outgoing call from a call log (for example, when the hash value does not meet the predetermined logging criteria, that particular call is not logged), the information including a dialed number, the filter settings being specific to each of the plurality of source communication devices associated with the user (See pg. 4, paragraph [0027]); determining whether or not to store the information associated with the outgoing calls based on the filter settings (e.g., hash value); and storing said information in the call log in response to a determination to store the outgoing call information (See Fig. 5; pg. 1, paragraph [0007]; pg. 2, paragraph [0017]; pg. 3, paragraph [0022]; and pg. 4, paragraph [0028]). Ruth, however, does not disclose

inserting the dialed number from the call log into a contact list. Albal, however, does disclose inserting the dialed number (e.g., called telephone number) from the call log (e.g., call-detailed record (CDR) 330, See Fig. 3) into a contact list (See Fig. 1, Fig. 2, and address book 122) (See col. 5 lines 8-33).

6. Claims 2-6, 8-11, 13-17, 19-22, 24-35, 37-45, and 50-52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ruth et al. (US Patent Application, Pub. No.: US 2003/0083040 A1), in view of Albal et al. (US 6,996,227), and further in view of Brown et al. (US Patent Application, Pub. No.: US 2003/0112928 A1).

7. In regards to claim 2, Brown further discloses the method, further comprising: providing a user with access to the call log (See pg. 6, paragraph [0094] and pg. 13, paragraph [0198]). Therefore, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate this limitation within the method, as a way of allowing the user to be able to view the logs pertaining to the calls.

8. In regards to claims 3 and 19, Brown further discloses the method, wherein obtaining outgoing call information further comprises obtaining information associated with a user of the calling device and a user of the called device (See pg. 2, paragraph [0039] and pg. 7, paragraph [0104]).

9. In regards to claim 4, Brown further discloses the method, wherein obtaining information associated with a user of the calling device and a user of the called device includes obtaining a calling party number and a dialed telephone number, respectively (See pg. 2, paragraph [0039] and pg. 5-6, paragraph [0087] – [0088]).

10. In regards to claims 5 and 20, Brown further discloses the method, further comprising: retrieving contact-related information associated with a user of the called device using the outgoing call information; and adding the contact information to a contact list (See pg. 7, paragraph [0104]).

11. In regards to claims 6 and 43, Brown further disclose the method and system, wherein retrieving contact-related information includes retrieving at least one of a name, a home address, a business address, and an e-mail address associated with the user of the called device (See pg. 2, paragraph [0039]).

12. In regards to claim 8, Brown further discloses the method, wherein retrieving contact-related information includes retrieving information included in a public record (See pg. 2, paragraph [0039]).

13. In regards to claims 9 and 39, Brown further discloses the method and system, further comprising: performing at least one data analysis using the call log (See pg. 13, paragraph [0198]).

14. In regards to claims 10 and 40, Brown further discloses the method and system, wherein performing at least one data analysis includes displaying outgoing call patterns (See pg. 6, paragraph [0094] and pg. 13, paragraph [0198]).

15. In regards to claims 11 and 25, Brown further discloses the method, wherein receiving instructions from a user that specify filter settings includes receiving instructions that indicate at least one outgoing call to include in the call log (See pg. 6, paragraph [0090]; pg. 8, paragraph [0132]; and pg. 9, paragraph [0135]).

16. In regards to claims 13, 22, 24, and 37, Brown further discloses the method and system, wherein determining whether or not to log the outgoing call information includes consulting the filter settings (e.g., call context or logging preferences directory 70) (See pg. 10, paragraph [0155] – [0156]).

17. In regards to claim 14, Brown further discloses the method, where the calling device is a landline telephone and wherein obtaining outgoing call information associated with a call originating from a calling device and intended for a called device includes: setting a trigger on a communication line associated with the landline telephone; querying a service control point (See Fig. 1 and SCP 15) in response to the trigger; and initiating a service logic program in the service control point (See pg. 4, paragraph [0066] – [0068] and pg. 6, paragraph [0095]).

18. In regards to claim 15, Brown further discloses the method, further including: transmitting at least a dialed telephone number to a server from the service logic program (See pg. 4, paragraph [0067]).

19. In regards to claims 16 and 32, Brown further discloses the method and system, wherein the calling device is a programmable device and wherein obtaining outgoing call information associated with a call from a calling device to a called device includes: capturing the outgoing call information by the programmable device (See pg. 5, paragraph [0082] – [0083] and pg. 13, paragraph [0195]).

20. In regards to claim 17, Brown further discloses the method, further including: transmitting at least a dialed telephone number to a server from the programmable device (See pg. 12, paragraph [0172]).

21. In regards to claim 21, Brown further discloses the method, further comprising: detecting the outgoing calls originating from each of a plurality of source communication devices and destined to the at least one destination device, prior to obtaining the information associated with outgoing calls (See pg. 4, paragraph [0066] – [0067]).
22. In regards to claim 26, Brown further discloses the method, wherein receiving instructions that specify filter settings includes receiving instructions to include in the call log information associated with outgoing calls that do not successfully reach the at least one destination device (See pg. 6, paragraph [0094]).
23. In regards to claims 27 and 41, Brown further discloses a first network (See Fig. 1 and PSTN 10) providing telephony services (See pg. 4, paragraph [0066]); a second network (See Fig. 1 and network/Internet/Intranet 20) for facilitating data transfer (See pg. 3, paragraph [0053]); a service center (See Fig. 1 and call center 16a-16n) coupled to the first network and the second network; and a user terminal input port, coupled to the second network and configured to interact with the server, for enabling the user to specify the preferences and access the call log (See pg. 6, paragraph [0094]; pg. 12, paragraph [0179]; and pg. 13, paragraph [0198]).
24. In regards to claim 28, Brown further discloses the system, wherein the first network is a Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) (See Fig. 1 and PSTN 10).
25. In regards to claim 29, Brown further discloses the system, wherein the first network is operable to perform Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) (See pg. 4, paragraph [0063]).

26. In regards to claim 30, Brown further discloses the system, wherein the first network includes a Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) and wherein the calling device input port is an interface receiving information from a landline telephone (See pg. 4, paragraph [0066] – [0067]).
27. In regards to claim 31, Brown further discloses the system, wherein the information associated with the telephone calls includes a dialed telephone number and wherein a service control point coupled to the PSTN transmits the dialed telephone number to the server (See pg. 4, paragraph [0067] – [0067]).
28. In regards to claim 33, Brown further discloses the system, wherein the information associated with the telephone calls includes at least a dialed telephone number and wherein the telephone number is received by the service center (See pg. 5, paragraph [0085]).
29. In regards to claims 34 and 42, Brown further discloses the system, wherein the second network includes at least one of a wide area network (WAN), a local are network (LAN), an Intranet, and the Internet (See pg. 3, paragraph [0053]).
30. In regards to claim 35, Brown further discloses the system, wherein the fist [first] application generates a call log according to user-specified preferences that specify at least one criteria for logging the calls originating from the calling device (See pg. 6, paragraph [0094] and pg. 12, paragraph [0179]).
31. In regards to claims 38 and 44, Brown further discloses the system, wherein the storage function includes at least one database (See Fig. 1, SCP 15 and Fig. 6, context database 124) (See pg. 4, paragraph [0068] and pg. 12, paragraph [0176]).

32. In regards to claim 45, Brown further discloses the system, wherein the user terminal is one of a general purpose computer, a personal computer, a wireless device, a pager, a mobile phone having data access functions, and a Personal Digital Assistants (PDA) (See pg. 5, paragraph [0082]).

33. In regards to claim 50, Brown further discloses all of claim 50 limitations, except the method, wherein the dialed number is added to the contact list in response to a command from a user. Albal, however, does disclose wherein the dialed number is added to the contact list in response to a command from a user (See col. 5 lines 30-33).

34. In regards to claim 51, Brown further discloses the method, further comprising retrieving contact information associated with the dialed number in the log using reverse directory assistance (See pg. 7, paragraph [0104]).

35. In regards to claim 52, Brown further discloses the method, wherein the filter settings specify a time period during which calls should be excluded from the log (See pg. 8, paragraph [0132]).

36. Claims 7 and 49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ruth et al. (US Patent Application, Pub. No.: US 2003/0083040 A1), in view of Albal et al. (US 6,996,227), in view of Brown et al. (US Patent Application, Pub. No.: US 2003/0112928 A1), and further in view of Hertzog et al. (US Patent Application, Pub. No.: US 2003/0069874).

37. In regards to claim 7, Ruth, Albal, and Brown disclose all of claim 7 limitations, except the method, wherein retrieving contact-related information includes retrieving a

photograph. Hertzog, however, does disclose wherein retrieving contact-related information includes retrieving a photograph (See pg. 10, paragraph [0114] and pg. 11, paragraph [0124]). Therefore, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate this feature within the method, as a way of using a photograph to identify a contact.

38. In regards to claim 49, Ruth, Albal, and Brownl discloses all of claims of claim 49 limitations, except the method, wherein the dialed number is added to the contact list automatically. Hertzog, however, does disclose wherein the dialed number is added to the contact list automatically (See pg. 1, paragraph [0005] and pg. 17, paragraph [0181]).

Response to Arguments

39. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-11, 13-22, 24-35, 37-47, and 49-52 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

40. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to THJUAN K. ADDY whose telephone number is (571)272-7486. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00pm.

41. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar can be reached on (571) 272-7488. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

42. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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